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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/207,136	MCDADE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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THE REPLY FILED 18 June 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☐ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 1-8, 11-20, 25-27 and 31-33.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See page 2.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 18 June 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that 'Mimura, therefore, fails to teach that the individual files themselves may be accessed through a "file reader capable of obtaining any of one or more files encoded audio/video streams from a data source," as required by Claim 1 and its dependents, Claims 2-8 and 11-19. Similar arguments exist for Claim 20. Likewise, similar arguments exist for Claim 25 and its dependents, Claims 26, 27, 31 and 32."

In response the examiner disagrees, it is noted that Mimura teaches a file reader capable of obtaining any one or more files, Mimura teaches that the coded video and audio streams are arranged into files, titles and chapters when a tile or chapter is selected by the user based on displaying menu any one or more files of the tile or chapter are obtained by a reader (pickup or reading head means) and from the reader the coded video and audio streams are separated, decoded, processed and reproduced on a display and speakers.

Applicant argues that 'Mincer, however, simply teaches decoding audio and video data BOTH encoded according to the SAME one of a number of different data coding standards," In response the examiner disagrees. It is noted that at page 5, lines 15-45, Mincer teaches that the video and audio can be coded by any one of plurality of video and audio standards and the coded video and audio are decoded by a programmable decoder in accordance with any one of the plurality of standard. Mincer clearly teaches a reprogrammable proxy filter that programmably operates

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on video data coded according to any one of a plurality of "video data coding standards and on audio data separately coded according to any one of a plurality of audio data coding standards . . . Further Mincer teaches the video streams and audio streams area separately coded since it is required for processing and compressing (coding) the video and audio streams. Also see Kimura reference that teaches the audio stream are separately coded with any one of audio standards.

Applicant argues that Mincer fails to teaches "video data coding standards (such as, for example, MPEG-1, 1VIPEG-2 and MPEG-4) and on audio data separately coded according to any one of a plurality of audio data coding standards (such as, for example, AC-3, MPEG or PCM)" and a mechanism that may decode video encoded according to a different standard (e.g., MPEG-4) and audio data encoded according to one standard (e.g., AC-3). In response, it is noted that applicant argument is not recited in claims. Nowhere do claims recite that the video standards comprise MPEG-1, 1VIPEG-2 and MPEG-4 standard and audio standards comprise AC-3, MPEG or PCM standard.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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